

REMARKS

Claims 7-11 and 25 are pending in the application. Claim 25 was rejected. Claim 25 has been canceled herein. Accordingly, claims 7-11 remain active in the application. In view of the claim amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

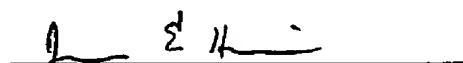
Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaJoie et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,850,218, ("LaJoie"). Applicant has canceled claim 25 in the present application in order to allow claims 7-11 to proceed to issuance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 7-11 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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